

**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

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Re: HB 6020

April 12, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to help clarify House Bill section 5210.

I am an Infectious Disease Physician specializing in HIV for the past 34 years in Ingham County. I take care of over 1000 HIV patients.

Because of the new launch of Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) slogan in 2016, there has been a major change in understanding HIV transmission in a patient that is totally undetectable by viral load.

There have been 3 major studies involving thousands of serodiscordant couples including multiple sexual acts. There were no episodes of transmission of the HIV virus to the seronegative individual as long as the HIV patient was undetectable.

Because of the strong evidence of U=U the CDC recently joined the movement of endorsing the science and concept of U=U.

Because of this, I feel that House Bill section 5210 stating that if a known HIV positive patient exposes an uninfected person by having sexual activity without having first informed the other person that he or she has HIV is a felony, should be changed to a misdemeanor if the HIV patient has been shown to be undetectable regarding his or her viral load, since they have been proven to be untransmittable. I feel that having to provide disclosure has resulted in many HIV positive patients refusing to be tested for HIV because they do not want to disclose. These untested HIV patients are responsible for causing over 50% of new infections.

Therefore, as long as the HIV person is undetectable, they should be guilty of a misdemeanor rather than a felony for lack of disclosure.



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Sincerely,

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